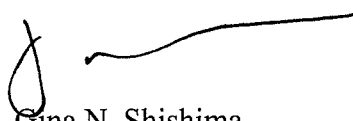


In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 45-50, 52, and 54-63 *i.e.*, the Group I claims. Applicants cancel claims 64-65 as directed to non-elected subject matter. Therefore, claims 45-63 are pending.

Claims 45 and 54 are proper linking claim. 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a). In a restriction requirement, the presence of generic linking claims should be stated on the record. M.P.E.P. §814. The linked claims "must be examined with any one of the linked inventions that may be elected." *Id.* Moreover, because claims 45 and 54 are proper linking claims with respect to the claims in Groups II and III, should the proper linking claims be allowed, claims 51 and 53 should be examined under MPEP § 809 as to nonelected inventions.

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